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REPORT OF WAR DEPARTMENT

Secretary Alger Says Preparations for Common Defense Should Be Increased.

SUGGESTION AS TO UNEMPLOYED CUBANS

Secretary Thinks Government Might Expend Twenty Millions on a Railroad Through Island-Enlist the Filipinos.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.-The annual report of Secretary of War Alger is a practically complete history of the Spanish-American war. The secretary has given to the public not only all the official dispatches that passed directly between his own office and commanding officers in the field and camp, but has supplemented these with short explanatory notes, setting forth the reasons for various movements, and then, to complete the record of events, he has included in the body of his report the report of General Miles, of all the generals who participated in the campaign in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines and finally the reports of all of the bureau officers of the War department.

Nowhere is there shown a disposition to criticise, the official dispatches being allowed to tell their own story, and generally the secretary finds much to praise and cause for sincere congratulation in the results obtained. The report proper begins with what may

be described as a chronological history of the war, consisting of a number of short paragraphs, beginning with the declaration of war on April 21, and setting forth the date upon which any event of importance occurred, but making no comment whatever

Casualties at Santiago.

The only exception to this rule is in reference to the casualties at Santiago. Some criticism having been made that there was is to be built there is a necessity for a large lack of surgeons present, the report states that there were 140 surgeons in attendance and that of 1,431 wounded only thirteen died of their wounds.

The secretary, coming down in his history the middle of August, when an order was issued and is now in execution to muster out 100,000 volunteers, says:

Thus an army of about 250,000 volunteers and recruits for the regulars was called into existence from civil life, and, including into existence from civil life, and, including the regular army, the total force was 274.717 men. It was organized, armed and equipped (no supplies being on hand other than those for the regulars, save Springfield muskets) and 50,000 men of this force were trans-ported by land and sea to battlefields in the tropics 19,000 miles apart, where they won their victories without a single defeat, and all within the period of 113 days from the declaration of war to the signing of the

protocol.

This great achievement can be credited to no individual; it belongs to the nation. It was accomplished through the intelligence and patriotism of all who served, from the commander-in-chief to the private in the ranks. * The deaths in the army from May 1 to October 1, including killed, died of wounds and of disease, were 2,010, the smallest October 1, including killed, died of wounds and of disease, were 2,010, the smallest death rate recorded of any army in history, a remarkable fact when it is considered that over 50,000 of our troops, born and reared in the temperate zone, were campaigning in tropical climates, subject to rain and heat almost unprecedented.

Recommends Increase of Army.

Under the head of increase in the permanent establishment, the secretary says: In view of the needs of a military force in the islands occupied by the United States, it is carnestly recommended that the regular army be permanently increased to 100,000 men and the requisite officers; that a portion of this army be recruited from

the inhabitants of those Islands to be mus the inhabitants of those islands to be mus-tered into the service of the United tSates, commanded by officers of our army, dis-cretion, however, to be given to the presi-dent to make appointments of officers from the force so recruited.

These men are acclimated, understand the language and habits of their countrymen, and their enlistment will not only give them enable the government to get into closer touch with their people than it would other-wise be able to do. This would also relieve our own people from serving in those climates to a large extent, and would, moreover, enable the volunteers to be mustered out of the service and return to the avoca tions of civil life.

Another suggestion is that there should be employed in the United States service a constabulary force for the cities of Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines, who have had experience and can speak the language of the Islands.

Secretary Alger thinks that the government will be greatly taxed to supply food to the destitute, especially in Cuba. effort should be made, he thinks, to give the people work instead of allowing them to dwell in idleness, living upon charity. He says:

Suggests Employment for Cubans.

struct a substantial railroad, practically the whole length of the island of Cuba, with a large sum, perhaps \$20,000,000, but it would give employment to the people of Cuba, teach them habits of industry, be an laborers and for market when the road is constructed. This, in my judgment, is absoluetly essential to the pacification and development of that great island. It will bring its minerals, lumber and agricultural products to market and open up communi-cation with all parts of the island with the for its cost. If such an improvement is not made the government will no doubt expend fully that much in charity. The secretary says that even if this road

appropriation to relieve the destitute. Some recommendations that occur in the early portion of the report are that provision be made for a statue of General Grant: that Chief Clerk Tweedale be made a lieutenant colonel; that provision be made for a second assistant secretary of war, and that an appropriation be made for the construc-

tion of the Lake Union-Washington ship canal. Expenditures and Estimates.

The statement of expenditures and estimates presents some formidable figures. The expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30 last were \$62,534,784, and the estimates for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1899, are \$195,250,377. Of this great estimate the sum of \$55,430,909 is charged to pay off the army. The estimate of extraordinary appropriations required for the six months ending June 30, 1899, are \$60,177,539, and the estimates for that period, combined with those for the next fiscal year, reach a total of \$255,427,917.

At this point the secretary includes in his message the reports of General Miles and all the other generals who participated in active operations. He then takes up the telegraphic and other correspondence relating to the war, and that matter occuples more than a fourth of the secretary's whole report. As already stated, the dispatches are allowed to tell the story of the war without comment, so far as possible, although in instances the secretary prefaces them with short notes, explanatory of

It was believed that the city could be as saulted and captured before the rainy season set in, but the plan was subsequently abandoned, on account of the reported movement of the enemy's fleet. These dispatches have all practically appeared in the reports of other naval officials.

Next follow a number of reports of various officers and officials to the secretary of war, some of which are endorsed by the secretary. Of the military academy, for instance, he endorses the recommendation for an in-

crease of the number of cadets by twenty annually, to be appointed by the president, and one by each senator, to supply the officers needed for the army of the future. Of the adjutant general's recommendaions, the secretary says they are judicious and merit the favorable attention of con-Women Nurses Invaluable.

Discussing the surgeon general's report he says it was a mistake to detail regimental surgeons to large hospitals, but this could not have been avoided, and division and general hospitals, which were indispensable, maintained.

Ample provision should be made to supply Would it not be wise economy for the the places of surgeons who fall sick. One government of the United States to conthe women nurses. The report says that until one has had experience or made carebranch roads to the leading cities on the coast? Such a road would, of course, cost that these noble women did for our sick that these noble women did for our sick soldiers in the hospitals; but they cannot be well employed at regimental hospitals inducement for them to cultivate their in a campaign. Both the division and farms and thus furnish supplies for the general hospitals are absolutely necessary in the opinion of the secretary, but the general hospital should be provided separate wards for each regiment so that com-

rades could be kept together. The secretary says the Red Cross and other relief associations contributed in a least possible delay. The road would be a very large degree to the care and comforts good property, and when it has served its of our sick soldiers and should receive the purpose for the government could be sold grateful thanks of the nation. The secretary calls attention to Surgeon General Sternberg's circular of instructions to the army ssued April 25, and says had it been strictly followed less sickness would have

resulted.

Force of Electrical Engineers. He feels that a force of practical engineers, skilled in electricity, should be provided, and that a large number of engineers should be educated at West Point, so that an officer can be placed permanently with each river and harbor project. projects should also receive the recomnendation of a board of skilled engineers before appropriations are made for them.

The manufacture of the Krag-Jorgensen or a similar magazine gun should continue until we have at an early late at least 500,-000 of these arms in our arsenals, with a full supply of ammunition. The entire report of the secretary of wr forms one of the most voluminous documents

of the kind ever issued from the War de-Enos Soule Comes Home Safe,

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 2.—A dispatch from Cape Henry, Va., to the Maritime ex-change states that the barge Enoch Soule, which broke away from the towing steame Orion on Sunday night, during the heav gale, was towed into Cape Henry at 1 o'clock today by the British steamer Elton, from Hull, for Baltimore. The crew is safe. The barges Enos Soule and Ocean Belle, in tow of the Orion were on their way from New-port News to Providence. The Ocean Belle, which was anchored and abandoned ten miles southeast of Winter Quarters' shool. was subsequently brought to the Delaware breakwater by the tug North America, but the Enos Soule, with its crew on board, parted its hawser on Sunday night and was at the mercy of the rough seas until picked up by the Elton yesterday.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles cured by this

Twenty-Second Regiment Outgrows Its Former Comfortable Quarters.

Captain Beck Will Recommend that Some of the Men Be Transferred to Niobrara-Jefferson Barracks is Also Overrun.

Captain W. H. Beck, inspector general of concluded an inspection of Fort Crook and ands the quarters there badly overcrowded. The post was built for eight companies on peace footing, with sixty men each, and since the orders were issued calling for the companies to be recruited to a war footing they are having more men than they know what to do with. While the post will accommodate about 500 men comfortably there are now 900 there, with more coming every

day. They are forced to sleep on the floor or anywhere they can find shelter. The captain will recommend that a portion of the men be transferred to Fort Niobrara. The Twelfth infantry, formerly located at this fort, is now at Jefferson barracks, and it has been recruited until it has overrun that post, and one batallion has been sent to Fort Riley. The only force at Fort Niobrara is one troop of the First cavalry, and there is consequently room there for the overflow from Fort Crook.

Major William Monaghan has returned from Des Moines, where he assisted in paying off the Fiftleth Iowa previous to its being mustered out. Major W. R. Graham was with him and they paid out about \$125,-000 nearly all in gold, to the Hawkeye soldiers. Major Graham received permission from the paymaster general to stop a few days in Iowa to visit his old home.

There is but one more regiment of volunteers ready to be mustered out in the Department of the Missouri and that is the Twenty-first Kansas, located at Leavenworth. It will be mustered out some time during the next two weeks and the troops will be paid by officers from St. Louis.

Second Nebraska Volunteers. Members of the Second Nebraska volun-

eers continue to drop in at army headquarters every day to be mustered out. There are sixty members of the regiment who have not yet been discharged. These are distributed as follows: Field, staff and band, 2; Company A, Kearney, 2; Company B, Ord. 9; Company D, Fairbury, 17; Company E. North Platte, 2; Company F. Lincoln, 6; Company G. Omaha, 2; Company H. Chadron, 4: Company 1, Tecumseh, 1; Company K. Schuyler, 8; Company L. Norfolk, 7. The members of Companies C and M have all been mustered out. The one remaining in Company I is Captain La-Master, and one of those in Company K is Lieutenant Stewart. The regiment originally contained about 1,300 officers and men. Major Katz, chief commissary of the Department of the Missouri, accompanied by Chief Clerk Werhner, visited South Omaha yesterday that the major might be initiated into the mysteries of the packing industries before returning east.

Brigadier General J. H. Patterson, who went to the war as lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-second infantry, and who was seriously wounded at the battle of El Caney, is now chief mustering officer for the state of New Jersey and when he returns to the regular service will be colonel of the Twentieth infantry at Fort Leavenworth. The annual report of Major General Henry C. Merriam of the Department of the Co-lumbia has been received at army head-

be of any interest in this section is his reference to the military work in Alaska. The general mentions the trip of Captain P. H. Ray and Lieutenant W. P. Richardson to that country when the first stories of starvation were brought to the United States, and he commends their work in maintaining order there, and in utilizing for the government the supplies of the traders REGIMENT MAY BE SCATTERED AGAIN in feeding the settlers. He also mentions

the abandonment of the relief exposition at Portland upon recommendation of his officers that the trip was unnecessary. He sent three exploring expeditions into Alaska and the first, under command of Captain Eldridge, was given up, owing to the failure of the reindeer train; while the other two, commanded respectively by Captain W. R. Abercombie of the Second infantry and the Department of the Missouri, has just Captain E. F. Glenn of the Twenty-fifth infantry, were still in the field when the general's report was made. The general also says that owing to the hardships experienced

> St. Michaels unless they have abundant means of support.

Captain Beck at Santiago. Captain W. H. Beck served with his regiment, the Tenth cavalry, throughout all the campaign in Cuba, participating in the battles at La Quasima and San Juan, and returned with his troop to Montauk, from which place he was assigned to duty in the Department of the Missouri as inspector general. His regiment supported the Rough Riders in their famous battle, and he has a letter showing that Colonel Roosevelt admitted his indebtedness to the Tenth for the timely support it gave his command. The captain has other letters which he prizes highly, one of them being copy of one sent to the War department by General Shafter, in which Captain Beck, with other officers, was commended for his valor and ability as a commanding officer. He has another letter which General Leonard Wood wrote to Cap-Times, in which the present governor of

Santiago pays a high tribute to the military ability of Captain Beck. Lieutenant William A. Cavenaugh of the Twentieth infantry, at Fort Leavenworth, has had his leave of absence extended for twenty days.

Lieutenant Colonel William M. Van Horne, Eighteenth infantry, late commander of the Twenty-second infantry at Fort Crook, has notified the adjutant general of the department that he starts on his leave of absence at once and that his address during the month of December will be Columbus barracks. Ohio.

Asher P. Anspecher of the Second United States engineers, but assigned to hospital duty, who has been spending his furlough in this city, reported for duty at headquarters today, and will leave at once for Augusta, Ga., where his regiment is located. John F. Cooper, Company B, Fifty-first

some action taken in regard to his case. His home is at Villisca, and he is a telegraph operator. While at San Francisco with his regiment he was taken in hand by a kangaroo court, in which he had his left arm broken. He did not receive proper treatment for the injury, and his arm is nearly stiff, he being uable to use it except in cases requiring but a small strain upon it. Simultaneously with the injury his hearing was affected and he is almost totally deaf | son of Philadelphia read a paper on "Municiin one ear. His regiment is due at Manila | pal Franchises." now, but he had to be left behind on account of these injuries, and the surgeons say a young man, robust and well formed and pronounced an ideal soldier by the officers quarters, and all it contains which might is looking after the matter,

Long Pant Suits from this purchase,

ter Government of Municipalities. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 2.-This was the

confined to papers and their discussion. A paper by Dr. Albert Shaw of New York on The City in the United States-The Proper Scope of Its Activity," was read by H. C. Deming of New York.

Dr. Albert Shaw of New York, a member of the committee on municipal program, read a paper entitled, "The City in the United States-the Proper Scope of Its Activities." He said in part: If I were asked to characterize in a single

sentence the broad distinction between the history of the last thirty years of municisays that owing to the hardships experienced in Alaska by men who arrived there without sufficient means to care for themselves, he issued orders that carriers should not land passengers on the military reservation at and meanwhile administering them as badly as possible, while in Europe they have been bending their energies to the work of ad-ministering progressively and well such charters as their cities found provided for them in the general statutes. In other words, we have been making, marring, un-making and repairing municipal mechanisms, while the people of European cittes have been using their municipal machines to accomplish results in the way of an im-proved life for their people. I do not mean to say that the conditions of life are more advantageous for the average man today in European towns than in our own. On the other hand. I am entirely prepared to assert that almost all the natural advantages belonged to us, and that if our municipal governments had been anything like as relatively efficient as those of the European towns the results achieved by us would have been vastly ahead of those that the best towns in England Scotland and Germany have been able to secure.

The tendency in European countries has been, while prescribing the general form of municipal government and making that form familiar, identical and permanent, to give tain Beck's son, now attached to the Denver each individual community, in matters actually concerning the life of that community alone, a very wide range of liberty in determining for itself what from time to time ould be the diminished or expanded scope of its functions.

It is the unanimous opinion of the committee that the main outlines of a municipal

system should be uniform throughout all the towns of a state, and that there is no particular reason why a fairly workable American system might not tend, at least approximately, toward something like uniormity throughout the whole country.
When it comes to the question what these more or less uniformly organized municipa and year to year-what services they shall who are the constituents or the elements of the municipal corporation—it is the opin-ion of your committee—es we believe it is the mature opinion founded upon experiout the world-that nobody can decide so well as the individual municipality how far it will carry its activities and in what vari-Iowa, was at headquarters yesterday to have ety of ways in detail it shall make itself

serviceable to its citizens. We are not for a moment advocating any any prudential check of a general nature that may be found in experience to work usefully. We are simply contending for the main proposition that the cities may well be left to work out their own destinies upon the basis of a very broad liberty as re-spects the scope of their functions. At the afternoon session Charles Richard-

The ciriescontecting for the next convention were St. Paul, Detroit, Syracuse and Columthere is nothing for him but a discharge and bus. The executive committee will have that is what he is after at this time. He is the naming of the convention city, and it may not report at this time. Resolutions of condolence on the death of Colonel George in the department except for his injuries. He | Waring of New York were also apis also a married man. Captain Hutcheson | propriately acted on by the executive com-

CONFERENCE ENDS SESSION NEEDLEWORK GUILD'S ANNUAL

Final Papers Discussed for the Bet- Nine Hundred and Two Garments Distributed for the Sick Poor of the City.

At the fourth annual meeting of the last day of the sixth national conference for Omaha branch of the Needlework Guild of good city government. The sessions were America, which was held last week at the home of Mrs. John Field, 1024 North Thirtyninth street, 902 garments were distributed

for the sick and poor of the city. The object of this non-sectarian organization is to provide warm, comfortable clothing for those who would otherwise suffer for the lack of it. Membership in the guild consists simply in the annual gift of two new garments or the money to purchase them. A branch of the society is composed of ten sections, each representing 110 garments. The clothing is collected by the president and four directors of the section, each of whom solicits two garments from ten other members and contributes two herself. Owing to the fact that only new garments are accepted and that the distribution is made by a vote of the members. the organization has already accomplished a great work. Many private cases which have been brought to the attention of the guild have received prompt attention and a special effort has been made to send sultable garments to the hospitals so that the discharged patients who are needy may be sent away warmly clothed. The distribution this year was as follows: Emmanuel hospital, 40; Clarkson Memorial, 72; Presbyterian hospital, 40; Methodist hospital, 50; Burt Street Home for Children, 41; Ladies' Home, 65; Bancroft Home, 24; Salvation Army Rescue Home, 56; St. James, Orphanage, 47: Creche, 98; Visiting Nurses, 68; Child Saving Institute, 53; private cases of destitute women and children, 179. Reserve garments for future distribution, 69. In addition to this clothing, which was all new and of good quality, there was \$13.25 paid in cash to be expended as occasion

requires. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. J. W. Van Nostrand, honorary president; Mrs. Churchill Parker, president; Mrs. S. A. Collins, secretary; Mrs. J. O. Phillippi, treasurer.

While the officers of the Omaha branch report a growing public interest and appreciation of the aims and purpose of the gulld and an increase of nearly 400 articles of clothing over last year, they still feel that there is much to be done to make the guild as successful an organization as it is in other cities. The report of the Minneapolis branch has just been received and shows that more than 7,000 garments were distributed at the annual meeting recently held in that city.

Spain's Greatest Need. Mr. R. P. Alivia of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kid-ney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or alling you need it. Every bottle guaranteed; only 50 cents. Sold by Kuhn & Co., drug-

What the Weather Man Sees. What the Weather Man Sees.
Yesterday there were slight snow flurries throughout the northwest, the upper Missouri and Mississippi valleys, but according to the predictions of the official weather man these will not count for much. Today the people in this section of the country may look for fair weather, which will be slightly colder than that which was experienced yesterday.

perlenced yesterday. Overcome evil with good. Overcome your coughs and colds with On Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung diseases.